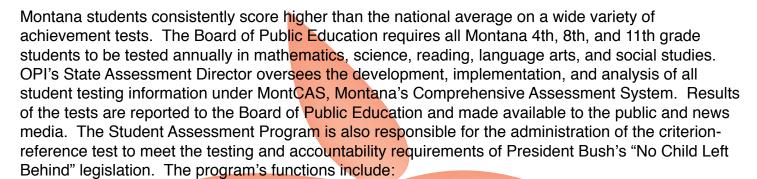
Office of Public Instruction

Student Assessment Program



		Oversees	the Board of Public Education's state-re	equired annual testing of 3	5,000 Montana
41	h,	8th, and	11th grade students in five subject areas		

Oversees the federal No Child Left Behind required annual testing of Montana 3rd through 8th and 10th grade students in reading and math

Collects and analyzes all student test results by grade level, school, and demographic measures including gender, race, students with disabilities, and socioeconomic status

Reports test results annually to the Board of Public Education, the US Department of Education, the public, and the news media [MCA-20-3-106 (29)]. Works with educators, parents, the public, and the news media on the proper interpretation and use of test score information

Disseminates test results on OPI website for each of Montana's 840 schools

Conducts workshops for test administrators on required testing procedures for the lowa Test of Basic Skills and Iowa Test of Educational Development (MontCAS, Phase I) to ensure accurate and comparable test results

Works with Montana educators to administer the criterion-reference tests required by No Child Left Behind for Montana students in grades 3-8 and 10 in reading, math, and science

Analyzes and reports to the public and news media additional student test results including the ACT and SAT tests for college bound seniors and the results for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) tests

Works with Montana educators to implement a statewide assessment of students with limited English proficiency as required by No Child Left Behind

